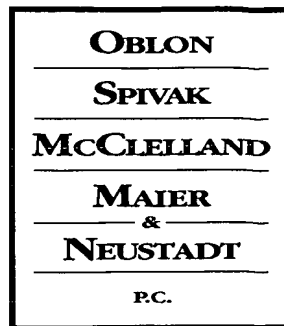




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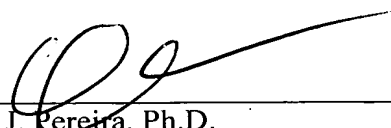
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In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I and the species follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) for initial examination purposes only.

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